

Congress of the United States.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, MAY 22.

[Continued from our last.]

Mr. Smith in answer to Mr. Nicholas.

2. The next article of complaint was with respect to contraband goods. If gentleman will consult the law of nations, they will find, that the articles mentioned in the British treaty are by the law of nations contraband articles. They will find that in all the treaties with Denmark and Sweden; Great Britain had made the same stipulation. Indeed the gentleman had acknowledged, that it was so stated by some writers on the law of nations; but he wished to derogate from the authority of those writers in the same way as Mr. Genet, in his correspondence with Mr. Jefferson, had called them worm eaten folio's and nutty aphorisms; to Vatel, might be added Valin's ordinances, a very respectable work in France. How then, can the gentleman with truth say, we have deviated from the law of nations?

3. The last point which the gentleman took notice of, was the provision article. There was no doubt that the government would never allow provisions to be deemed contraband, except when going to a besieged or blockaded port. Though he made this declaration, yet it was but candid to acknowledge, that this was stated by Vatel to be the law of nations. [Here read an extract from Vatel.]

When this was stated by Lord Grenville to Mr. Pinckney, then minister in London, Mr. Pinckney acknowledged it to be so stated in Vatel, but very ingenuously argued, that France could not be considered in the situation mentioned in Vatel, since provisions was cheaper there than in England, and therefore the case did not apply. When our envoy was sent to London, both parties were tinctious on this ground. Our minister was unwilling to agree to this construction of the law of nations, but the British minister insisted upon it, and if there had not been some compromise the negotiation must have been broken off and a war probably ensued. The result was, therefore, that, without admitting it to be the law of nations it was agreed that where provisions were contraband by the law of nations, they should be paid for, but not confiscated as the law of nations (admitting that construction) would have authorized. Therefore some advantage was secured to France—for if Great Britain had confiscated our vessels going to France with provisions, it would certainly have damped the ardor of our citizens employed in that commerce; but under this regulation, our merchants were certain of being paid for their cargoes, whether they arrived in France, or were carried into England. These were the grounds of objection which the gentleman from Virginia had stated as grounds of complaint by the French, against the British treaty.

Before he went further, he would observe, that admitting (which he did not admit) that there had been solid grounds of objection against the British treaty, before it was ratified, yet they ought now to be closed. It had received a full discussion at the time it had been carried into effect, was become the law of the land, and was generally approved of by the country. Why then, endeavor to stir up the feelings of the public against it by alledging it to be just cause of complaint? If the committee wanted any proof of the approbation which that instrument had received, he thought it might be gathered from the general approbation which had been given of the administration of the late president on his retirement from office, in doing which, the people had doubtless taken into view the whole of his conduct. Nor did he think the people had shewn any hostility to the treaty in the late election of members to that house. Indeed he believed that the approbation which the treaty received increased in proportion as the subject came to be understood. Admitting further, that the treaty had changed the existing state of things between G. Britain & France, by having granted commercial favors to Great Britain by the 2d article of our treaty with France, the same favors would immediately attach to France, so that she could have no reason to complain on that ground. Indeed France had her-

self new modified the treaty betwixt that country and this, and had taken herself what she deemed to be the favors granted to Great Britain. (Mr. S. read the decree on this subject, of 2d March last.)

Mr. Smith said, he believed he had examined all the observations of the gentleman from Virginia, relative to the treaty, which were essential to the subject under consideration. He did not wish to go much farther on the present occasion, because he agreed with him, that it was proper they should keep themselves as cool and calm as the nature of the case would admit; but he thought whilst so much deference was paid to the feelings of France, some respect ought to be paid to the feelings of America. He hoped the people of America would always retain a proper respect and consideration for their national character; and however easily he wished that the differences subsisting between the two countries might be amicably settled, yet, he trusted that our national dignity would never be at so low an ebb as to submit to the insults and indignities of any nation whatever. In saying this, he expressed his hearty wish to keep the door of negotiation with France unclosed; but at the same time he strongly recommended to take every necessary step to place us in a situation to defend ourselves, provided she should still persist in her haughty demeanor.

He trusted they would convince the French and every other nation, that they were determined to preserve the right of self government, and that they were able to frustrate every attempt which should be made to influence our councils. That such attempts had been made he knew some gentlemen would deny, but to him it was evident that all the ministers of France, who had resided in this country, had endeavored to obtain an undue influence over our affairs. It was now become a serious question, whether we were to make concessions to France of the most humiliating nature, and thereby provoke future aggression, or act a firm and determined part, in expressing our indignation at their insults, and resolving to resist them if they were persisted in.

He did not wish unnecessarily, he said, to excite indignation; but it was necessary on this occasion, to take particular notice of the insulting speech of president Barras, in reply to Mr. Monroe's vocabulary, a speech evidently calculated to separate the American people from their government.

After the Directory knew that Mr. Monroe was no longer the minister in this country, after he had presented his letters of recall, and Mr. Pinckney had presented his letters of credence—after the minister of foreign affairs De la Croix, had said that they considered America as having no minister in France, the president of the Directory delivered the insulting speech above alluded to, in which he tells our late minister, at a public audience in the presence of several foreign ministers, to go home and tell his government "that his country owed its liberty to France." We have never denied said Mr. S. that we received great services from France; but was it not degrading to this country that their late minister should be thus addressed. The address was thr' out couched in terms studiously marked with indignities to this country, and an attempt to separate the people from the government of President.

Notwithstanding all this, the gentleman from Virginia is wonderfully afraid of using language which might irritate France: Mr. S. wished France had not given just cause of irritation, but those who had read the correspondence which had been laid before them, for a few years past, must have seen reiterated insults to this country.

It was sufficient to call to their recollection the many indecent and offensive expressions used by the various French ministers, in their diplomatic letters. Indeed, were he inclined to aggravate the aggressions we had received, he might display a whole volume of Gene's abuse. He should, however, satisfy himself by presenting some elegant extracts from the letters of citizen Adet. Mr. S. here quoted a number of offensive epithets and expressions, such as displayed under a cloak of neutrality, the veil of diffamation, tyrannical and homicidal rage, insidious proclamation of neutrality, the chicanery of its courts, presenting a

pigmy to cut the throat of its ally, all submission to the will of England, profiting its neutrality, &c. &c.

Mr. S. said, as he knew indecent and harsh language always recollect upon those who used it, he did not wish to adopt it; but at the same time, it was due to ourselves to express our feelings with a proper degree of strength and spirit. He was not in the habit of quoting any thing from M. Genet, but there was one expression of his which he thought contained good advice, well this accommodation and humanity, all this condescension attains no end."

After the gentleman from Virginia had dwelt sufficiently upon the danger of irritating the French, he had emphatically called upon us to recollect our weakness. It might have been as well if he had left that to have been discovered from another quarter. He hoped we had sufficient confidence in the means of defence which we possessed, if driven to the last resort; and he believed, if there was any one more certain way of provoking war than another, it was that of proclaiming our own weakness.

He hoped such language would now be spoken as would make known to the French government, that the government and people of this country were one, and that they would repel any attempt to gain an influence over our councils and government.

The gentleman had said that there did not appear to be any design of this kind, and had endeavored to do away what was stated as the opinion in France, in General Pinckney's letter. He did not mean to rest this altogether upon the report of an emigrant, whom General Pinckney mentions as having represented this country divided, and of no greater consequence than Geneva, but he took the whole information into view. [Be read the extract relative to this subject.]

It was evident, Mr. S. said, from this information from France, that an opinion had been industriously circulated there that the government and people of this country were divided; that the executive was corrupt, and did not represent the interests of the people; and that they might, by perseverance, overturn the administration, and introduce a new order of things. Was not such an opinion as this, as false, calculated to excite France to believe that she might make her own terms with us? It was well known what the French wished, and it was time to declare it plainly; his opinion was that they designed to ruin the commerce of Great Britain through us. This was evident. Their talk of the British treaty; but they suffered it to lie dormant for near twelve months, without complaining about it. Why were they silent till within a few weeks before the election of our President? Why did they commit spoliations upon our commerce long before the British treaty was ever dreamt of? Their first decree, directing spoliations of our property, and the capture of our provision ships, was on the 9th of May, 1793, a month before the provision order of Great Britain, which was dated June 8, 1793: and why have they, from that time to this, been committing spoliations on our commerce? The British treaty was published in Paris in August, 1793; a year after, in July, 1796, they determine to treat us in the same way that we suffer other nations to treat us, and this decree was not made known to our government till the October following, a few weeks before the election of President.

But this was not all; the French had pursued similar measures towards all the other neutral powers. Sweden, in consequence, had no minister in their country, and was on the eve of a rupture. The intention of the French evidently was, to compel all the neutral powers to destroy the commerce of Great Britain; but he trusted this country had more spirit than to suffer herself to be thus forced to give up her commerce with Great Britain; he trusted they would spurn any such idea.

Mr. S. hoped the observations which he had made would not be construed into a wish to stir the United States and France involved in a war. He had no objection to such a measure being taken for preserving peace between the two countries as should be consonant with national honor. It was a delicate thing for them to suggest what the executive ought to do. It was not their province to direct him. The executive had various considerations to take into view. We had injuries to

complain of against France for the spoliations committed upon our commerce. If the Executive conceive we have a right to redress, that subject will of course constitute a part of our envoy's instructions. Would it then be proper, said he, for this house to interfere with the Executive, to obtrude its opinion and say, "You must give up this point; we take upon us (without any authority from the constitution) to give Carte Blanche to France, without any indemnification or redress."

The gentleman says it is the object of the amendment on the table, to recommend to the Executive to remove any inequalities in the treaties; that was alone sufficient to vote it out.

There had been no period since the revolution which had so powerfully called on Americans for that fortitude and wisdom which they knew so well how to display on great and solemn emergencies. It was not his intention to offend any one by stating the question in such strong terms; but he was persuaded that when the present situation of our affairs with respect to France was well understood, it would be found that to acquiesce in her present demands was virtually and effectually to surrender our self government and independence.

The independence of a nation, he observed, might be destroyed in various modes. Whether a preponderating influence was obtained in her councils by sedition, intrigue or terror, or by a direct and open invasion of her territories, and consequent subjugation, was immaterial: Indeed it would be safer for us if a foreign power were at once to attempt our subjugation by invasion; for, in that case, there could be but one opinion among Americans about a vigorous resistance; but the slow approaches to our subjection, but the subtle artifices of intrigue and deception, were seldom discerned by the community at large, until their pernicious effects had taken such deep root as to be with difficulty extirpated. Was it laying too much, to assert, that dictating to our government, fomenting an insurrection in our bosom, influencing the most important election, demanding a violation of our engagements, the repeal of our laws, annulling the decrees of our courts of justice, were not merely interferences with our government, but in fact attempts to usurp it? The complaints of France respecting the British treaty were the pretext, but not the real cause of her aggressions. It was idle to wick out of sight the real causes: She wished (as he had before stated) to destroy the commerce of England, and the United States were to be the instrument of accomplishing it. The United States were to be coerced into such measures as would effect this great scheme. The same policy was pursued towards the Hanse Towns and Denmark: had they made a British treaty? Were they answerable for the sins of ours? The review he had taken of the ground of controversy as to our treaty with England must have removed every impression unfavorable to our government, and evinced the unceasing efforts of France to acquire an improper ascendancy over our councils, and direct them to the purposes of her own grandezza.

Whether or no our government, eight, on principles of unity and conciliation, to equalize our treaties between England and France, was a question of an Executive nature, was not properly before the house. An offer of such equalization would undoubtedly depend on the disposition of France to make proper and suitable equivalents.

The gentleman from Virginia had cautioned the committee against alarming the pride of France—but, exclaimed Mr. S. has America no pride? Is her sensibility to be satisfied by prejudice or blemished by terror as to be thrown out of view on this occasion? I trust not, I trust that American pride will maintain an important influence over our deliberations, and decisions. I am to see it yield all that is due to the influence of policy. God forbid that it should ever be supplanted by an interested and servile tenacity. He thought it became the dignity of the house to support the Executive in firm and manly language. He was persuaded that a decided conduct would be the most likely to deter the aggression and repetition of insult. He recommended, not a menacing, but a firm countenance; not a bullying, but

an undaunted attitude. This would convince the world we were not to be threatened out of our rights; where-as a timid supplicating posture could not fail to invite fresh insults and humiliation.

Mr. S. said, he valued unanimity as much as other gentlemen. He was sensible that it would be peculiarly important at this juncture. It would engage the confidence of the people and fortify the negotiation. It would convince the world, that however we might differ upon speculative points of administration, there was but one sentiment respecting our self government. It would extinguish the hopes of those who attempted to keep alive a faction in the country; it would crush the expectations of those who wished to substitute a foreign influence to the constituted authorities of the nation. But it might still be purchased by two dear sacrifice; and he would rather have a bare majority for the report of the committee, than an unanimous vote for the amendment; so much did he reprobate its principles. He thought it more important that there should be an unanimity between all the departments of government, than an unanimity in the house, at the expence of its separating from the other branches of the government: but if the amendment was agreed to, it must produce a separation from the president and senate, and confirm the opinions fostered in France of a division existing between the government and people. Much therefore, as he cherished unanimity, he could not purchase it on this occasion by agreeing to a proposition of so dangerous a tendency.

Mr. Smith concluded with requesting the committee seriously to consider on the consequence of agreeing to the amendment. It spoke the same feeble language as the address of the last session, the same timid reluctance, to express our sense of injury, the same reliance on negotiation alone; if this was all that the gentlemen on the other side proposed doing at this extraordinary session, the calling of congress would prove the most humiliating, the most calamitous measure that had ever been adopted. Better indeed had the members remained at their homes, and there in secret silence mourned over the dishonor of their country, and smothered their resentments, than be collected in a mass from all parts of the union to be thus publicly exhibited as fellow-witnesses of their own shame and the indignities offered their country without the power, or even the courage to resent them. But he could not believe it possible that the committee would pursue a course so pregnant with humiliation, and he confidently pursued himself, that as this country had always displayed its justice, it would all parts of the house unite on this occasion to convince the world that her justice and firmness were equal to her justice.

MILAN, March 15.

An unexpected and important change has taken place in the Venetian territory; three of the principal towns of that republic, Verona, Brescia, and Bergamo, the former of which contains 60,000, the second 43,000 and the last 13,000 inhabitants, together with the town of Crema, have thrown themselves, on the protection of the French, and solicited to be annexed to the new Republic of Lombardy.

The City of Vicenza, containing 30,000 souls has also shewn an inclination to adopt the same measure.

The Papal Towns of Ravenna, Guibbio, and the Duchy of Guibbio, are likewise desirous of being united to the Cispadane republic; and their Central Assembly has abolished the torture."

BERGAMO, March 13.

This day an event which still appears to us as a dream has taken place; the first families of this city have placed themselves under the protection of the French. All the Venetian authorities are suspended, and all the troops have been disarmed and disbanded. A municipality has been elected, which has already administered the oath to about 8000 persons. [Similar] revolutions were taking place in other territories, and from every appearance, Venice, throwing off her old hypocritical mask, bids fair soon to become a real republic.

NEW-YORK, June 2.

Thomas Payne was to have taken passage for this country the beginning of April last, in the Dublin packet, from Havre-de-Grace. An evening paper says, "the captain refused to take him on board"—possibly for fear he might turn out a Jonah, and as throwing Payne overboard might not prove as efficacious to the safety of his ship as in a former instance, he wisely declined receiving on board such a passenger.

On the 3rd of March, the minister of the marine, and colonies at Paris, writes as follows to the principal commandant of the marine at Havre-de-Grace—"You have done well, citizen in difusing the maritime journals, the report which had prevailed, that the French government had issued an order to seize the vessels of the U. States of America.—This false news, like many other reports, is the effect of the schemes of malevolence, or of combinations of avarice."

The intelligence (via Hamburg, and other sources) of a revolution taking place in the aristocratic republic of Venice cannot admit of a doubt. The explosions is said to be terrible, and threaten a complete change in that government.—The Venetian territories are on the northern and western sides of the Adriatic gulph, which is narrow, and not much more—in its whole extent than our Chesapeake.—Thus, speedily will the spirit of republican liberty cross these narrow waters, and animate the people of the Morea, the ancient Grecian territory, where the flame or liberty was kindled two thousand years ago, and quenched merely by the arts of tyrants, and man being false to the cause of man.

The news of the late defeat of the archduke Charles, (says the postscript to a letter from Vienna,) spread a consternation and terror throughout this capital, that is inconceivable. The people immediately began to pack up their effects, and were quitting the capital with as much precipitation as if the enemy were at the gates."

June 8.

Captain Charles White, late of the Trio, which was condemned at the Havana, arrived yesterday from the above place in the flora. He informs us that one of the Cartagena fleet (a light ship) had arrived there before he failed, with the news that all the remaining ships were taken by an English two decker, and a frigate; they having on board two millions of dollars besides other valuable property.

A full and satisfactory confirmation of the above, is also received by Capt. White of the Suffolk, who, in the lat. of 28°, between the Florida shore and the Bohemia banks, fell in with three Spanish frigates, and a four gun schooner, who had been sent out for the purpose of picking up the scattered vessels of the above convoy; as the English, not being able to man the whole, had stripped several of the ships of their valuables, and then let them go.—This was communicated to Capt. White by the Spanish commodore. Should this fail of convincing any one, it is still further corroborated by Capt. Church, of his maj. s frigate Topaz, who on the 2d, last, boarded Capt. White, and gave him similar information, to the above. The number of Spanish vessels taken, was supposed to be about 25 sail.

Capt. White, on his onward bound passage, was peep at and shot at by several French picaroons—but, the weight of his metal kept them at a safe distance.

Notice,

THAT the subscriber wishes to establish a town on a tract of land called Bullittsburg, in Campbell county, on the Ohio river, directly opposite to Judge Symm's settlement, at the North bend: and that we will make application to the court of the said county, at their next October court for the purposes aforesaid.

CAVE JOHNSON.

June 24, 1797. *2am 3m

TAKEN up by the subscriber, on the waters of Lulburg, near the old fields, a dark bay Horse, nine years old; branded M, on the near shoulder, and a fear on the same side, some faddle spots—appraised to 10l.

Also a dark bay Mare, 7 years old, neither docked nor branded—appraised to 8l.

* Joseph Wilkerson.

LEXINGTON:

Wednesday, June 28, 1797.

FROM FREEMAN'S JOURNAL,
(A News-Paper printed at Cincinnati.)

It is said capt. George Deuelar is on his march from Detroit with a company of artillery, and is hourly expected here.—We hear he is destined for the Natchez.—Probably he is going to reconnoitre the situation of our friend Gaynor, who refused to let Mr. Elliott run the boundary line.

EIGHTH DAY'S DRAWING.

Monday, June 26.

PRIZES,

Of 10 dollars, No. 523, 847, 888, 1915, 2540
2616.
Of 6 dollars, No. 642, 738, 914, 1035, 1101,
1227, 1562, 1936.

BLANKS.

No. 112, 205, 297, 333, 628, 825, 913,
1227, 1232, 1497, 1498, 1537, 1575, 1720,
1743, 1773, 1823, 1944, 2-05, 2124, 2149,
2180, 2253, 2390, 2415, 2474, 2574, 2694,
2802, 2923, 2933.

NINTH DAY'S DRAWING.

Tuesday, June 27.

PRIZES,

Of 25 dollars, No. 2207.
Of 15 dollars, No. 43, 748, 1897,
Of 10 dollars, No. 6, 2210.
Of 6 dollars, No. 143, 212, 487, 1281, 1542,
2523.

BLANKS.

No. 23, 156, 210, 622, 666, 987, 1129,
1125, 1126, 1170, 1327, 1514, 1544, 1611,
1629, 1813, 1893, 2233, 2-08, 2453, 2493,
2633, 2654, 2917.

Notice,

THAT the commissioners appointed by the county court of Bourbon, under the act of assembly entitled "An act to ascertain the boundaries of land and for other purposes, will meet on Tuesday the eighth day of August, if fair, if not, the next fair day, at an improvement made by John Holder, in a preemption of 400 acres of land, on one of the West branches of Licking creek, about six miles east of Bryan's Station—then and there to take the depositions of witnesses, and do such other acts as may be thought necessary and in conformity to the laid recited act.

JOHN KEITH.

Notice is hereby given, that an attachment was issued out of the court of Common Pleas, in and for the county of Washington, in the Northwestern territory, returning on the first Tuesday of September last past, against the lands and tenements, goods, chattels & effects, rights and credits of Edward Harris of Washington, and of Kentucky, Esquire, (not being a resident at that time within the limits of the said territory,) that at the suit of James Smith of Harrison county, and state of Virginia, Captain which was levied by the sheriff of the said county of Washington, on fundy lots and parts of shares of land in the Ohio company, situated in the said county of Washington, and to answer the aforesaid suit within the time by law prescribed, that then judgment will be entered against him by default, and his lands to be attached will be sold to satisfy all creditors, who shall appear to be duly entitled to a demand thereon, and that apply for the same.

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PAUL FEARING, Attorney.

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BENJAMIN IVES GILMAN, Prothonotary,
PAUL FEARING, Attorney.

Notice is hereby given, that I shall make application to the county court of Garrard, for an order to establish a town at the Croft roads, where the road from Lexington to the Crab Orchard crosses the road leading from Danville to Madison court house.

WILLIAM BUFORD.

2am 3m

I HEREBY caution all persons against taking an alignment on a note given by me to Anthony Rogers, for the payment of twenty-five pounds, on the 26th of July, 1797, having failed to comply with his contract—in consequence of which, the above note was given, Samuel Anderson,
June 27, 1797. 3pm

Notice.

That commissioners appointed by the county court of Fayette county, will meet at the house of the subscriber, on the 4th day of July, between the hours of nine and twelve in the morning in order to take the depositions of sundry witnesses, and perpetuate their testimony respecting the most Northwardly corner of a survey made on the settlement right of Dominic Flanigan, and do such other act as shall be deemed necessary and agreeable to law.

WILLIAM CHINN.

June 12, 1797.

Taken up by the subscriber, on the waters of Stepstone creek, a fowl mare with a blaze face, judged to be 3 years old this spring, above thirteen hands and a half high, no brand perceptible; appraised to 12l.—June 6.

ABRAHAM BROOKS.

Montgomery county.

Taken up by the subscriber, on Chaplin's fork, in Mercer county, a bay Mare, thirteen hands one inch high, six years old, a small flat, near hind foot white, branded on the near shoulder MR in a piece, trot natural—appraised to 12l., 10s.

THOMAS HOFF.

Take Notice, that the company mentioned in the Kentucky Gazette of the 14th, who were to meet on the last day of this instant, at Washington, in order to cross the Ohio next morning for Wheeling, have prolonged the time of meeting at said place, until the 1st or 2nd of July next, at which time they will be certain of meeting, in order to proceed as before mentioned.

June 20.

NOTICE is hereby given, that I shall attend with the commissioners appointed by the county court of Franklin, under an act of assembly entitled "An act to ascertain the boundaries of lands and for other purposes," on the fifth day of July next, at the place of the improvement of John McClelland's pre-emption, on a finking branch of Kentucky river, about six miles nearly east of Leesburg, in the county of Fayette, and there to perpetuate the improvement and special calls of the entry made on the said pre-emption, in the name of John McClelland.

ROBERT PATTERSON.

WILLIAM M'CONNELL, Att'y.

Fayette, June 1.

Notice,

IS hereby given, that I shall attend with the commissioners appointed by the court of Washington at the house of Mr. John Purdy on the head of Hardin's creek, in said county, on Monday the thirty fifth of July next, if fair, if not, on the first fair day after, in order to establish the calls in an entry of two thousand acres, made by Thomas Prather deceased; which calls are two cabbins, one built by Bazil Prather and the other by the said Thomas Prather deceased—and do such other things as may be needful and necessary concerning the premises.

THOMAS FREELMAN,

for the heirs of said Prather dec. June 10.

Notice,

THAT commissioners appointed by the court of Fayette county, will attend at the house of the subscriber, on the fourth day of July, between the hours one and four in the afternoon, to take the depositions of sundry witnesses and perpetuate their testimony respecting a corner of the pre-emption of the subscriber's, near his house, and do such other act as shall be deemed necessary and agreeable to law.

GEORGE ERYAN.

June 12, 1797

Taken up by the subscriber living on First tick Madison county, a black Mare, aged six years, feet six inches four years old, a small flat in her forefeet, and branded on the near shoulder and between the WIP, some gray hairs at the root of her tail; gelded and appraised to 10l. April 15.

SOLON TURPIN.

SACRED TO THE MUSES.

ON THE SHORTNESS OF HUMAN
LIFE.—BY R. BURNES.

LIKE to the grafts that's newly sprung,
Or like a rale that's new begun;
Or like a bird that's here to day,
Or like the pearl'd dew of May;
Like an hour, or like a span,
Or like the singing of a swan.
Even such is man, who lives by breath,
Is here, now there, in life and death;
The grafts decay; the tale doth end;
The bird is flown; the dew ascend;
The hour is short; the span not long;
The swan's near death; man's life is done.

ANECDOTE.

A Quaker lately invited a tradesman to dine with him, whom he treated with an excellent dinner, wine to tobacco, &c. His guest, after drinking plentifully freely, became rude and abusive to his host, in consequence that the Quaker's patience was at length exhausted and he addressed him in the following words:—“Friend, I have given thee a meat offering, a drink offering, and a burnt offering, and for thy misconduct, I will now give thee a heavy offering,”—and immediately threw into the street, out of the parlour window.

FOR SALE,

400 Acres of Military Land.

LIVING in the county of Clarke, about 12 miles from Lexington on the road leading from thence to the Virginia border, is joining the land of Hinchliffe Taylor. This land is well, if all of the first quality, and of moderate extent, and is free of general encumbrance. Any person inclined to see it will be gratified by Mr. Taylor. The terms may be known by applying to Mr. Joseph Clegg in Lexington, or to Capt. Richard Terrell in Barbour.

Aaron Fontaine.

Jefferson, March 5, 1797.
The whole will be sold together, or divided into one, or two hundred acre lots, as may best suit the purchasers.

A. F.

JUST OPENING, FOR SALE,

In the house formerly occupied by Benjamin S. Cox as a Store, at the corner of Main and Court Streets, opposite the Old Court House, CIGAR-MAKERS AND DRY GOODS adopted to the trade; NAILS &c. WINDOW GLASS 10 in 12 and 9 by 11 alio a variety of SADDLERY—saddles of different descriptions, saddle-bags, Martingals, Bridles of every description, &c. also a case of PORT WINE—all will be disposed of extremely low for CASH or COUNTRY PRODUCE, by

The Publick's humble servant,

NATHAN BURKOWES.

Lexington, June 7.

N. B. The subscriber has a package of SADDLERY—Saddles, Saddle-bags, Bridles, &c. that will dispose of on very moderate terms, for CASH.

FOR SALE.

Two likely Negroes: A Fellow, between 21 and 24, and a Boy between 16 and 18 years of age.—Enquire of the Printer.

All persons are hereby cautioned against taking an engagement on two bonds given by me to Jonathan Robinson:—One, for the payment of five hundred dollars, the first day of July next;—the other for twelve hundred and three dollars, the first day of October next, both dated some time in April last; as I am determined not to pay either of said bonds unless compelled by law—he having failed to comply with his engagement to me, in consequence of which the said bonds were given.

George Brown.

June 14, 1797.

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POWDER.

The subscriber has on hand a quantity of POWDER, of excellent quality, of his own manufacture; which he will dispose of at the moderate price of 4/6 per pound, by the small, with a considerable deduction, to those who purchase large quantities. He will attend with POWDER, at Lexington, on the first day of every Fayette court, and at Versailles, on the first day of every Washington court.

Whereas, I am well informed, that many persons have lately sold powder manufactured by others, under the character of having been made by me—I hereby caution all persons, at their peril, against attempting to sell such powder as my manufacture.

Elijah Foley.

June 22.

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LAND FOR SALE.

THE SUBSCRIBER HAS several tracts of Land in different parts of Kentucky, for sale, which he will dispose of reasonably.

JOHN CLAY.

Lexington, 4th August, 1797.

I have just imported AN ELEGANT ASSEMBLAGE OF BOOT LEGS, Which I will sell low for CASH.

JAMES TROTTER.

Lexington, May 30, 1797.

IRON BANK.

FOR SALE BY THE SUBSCRIBERS,

ONE thousand acres of Land, lying North-West of the Ohio, containing an extensive bank of Excellent Ore, as the subscribers suppose the quality of this ore has been ascertained by Mr. Vaughan of Lexington, to be of a very fine deposit, and no man can apply for information. The above tract of land lies about twelve miles from the Ohio river, and about one mile from Little Scioto, which empties a few miles above the three islands.—A stream supposed to be well calculated for a furnace, runs through the land, and has a fall of thirty feet at one spot, and about three quarters of a mile from the bank of ore.—For further particulars apply to Mr. Alexander Parker of Lexington, or the subscribers in Washington.

BASIL DUKE.

JOHN COBURN.

April 21, 1797.

LODGE LOTTERY.

The Managers of the Lottery have deemed it proper to re-publish the following SCHEME,

for raising the sum of 2325 Dollars, for the use of the LEXINGTON LODGE, No. 25.

No. Pizes. Dols. Dols.

1	of 1300	15	1500
3	—	500	— 1000
3	—	250	— 750
3	—	100	— 500
12	—	50	— 250
20	—	25	— 75
100	—	20	— 200
170	—	15	— 250
251	—	10	— 250
440	—	6	— 242

2 of 130 each being 1 for the first and 1 for the last drawn ticket 267

Dols. 15,000
Not two Blanks to a
1854 Blanks 5 Pizes.

3300 Tickets at 5 Dollars. 15,000

The Prize forfeit to a deduction of fifteen per cent.—Prize to be paid by the managers, twenty days after the lottery is drawn. A circuit of one half of any number of tickets exceeding 250, shall be given, until the Lottery shall have finished drawing. Prizes drawn and not called for, within eighteen months after the Lottery is finished drawing, will be considered as a donation made to the Lexington Lodge.

The drawings of the Lottery will be published in the Kentucky paper, regularly, viewing the Blanks and Tickets. The preparations for drawing the Lottery are going on, and will certainly commence the 10th day of June next. A few tickets remain on hand, which may be had by applying to

JAMES MORRISON, ALEX. McGREGOR,
EDM. BULLOCK, HUGH McDAVIE,
ROSE McGOWAN, OR
WILLIAM MURRAY, JOHN FOWLER.

Managers appointed by law.

May 11, 1797.

Sida Bene: Those who have been entreated with Tickets to sell, are desired to desist, and account thereto, on or before the first day of June next.

The subscriber takes this method of informing the publick who he occupies

A STABLISHED ACROSS the Ohio river, from the mouth of Limestone creek to where the state road strikes the river from Wheeling, where he will attend on the first and fifteenths of every month, for the purpose of accompanying those gentry, who are bound to, and from the Eastern States by way of Wheeling. He will keep a number of boats, by means of which he can take over any number of persons at the same time, and hopes thereby to give general satisfaction.

JOHN TAYLOR.

June 1, 1797.

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Warranted Boiling Cloths,

From No. 1 to No. 6, for sale at

ANDREW HOLMES'S STORE,

The corner of Main and Mill Streets,

Lexington.

Taken up by the subscriber living at Mud Lick, in Montgomery county, a foal horse, 17 years old, with a star and stripes, about 3 feet high, has a small place swelled on his head like the poll-evil, some saddle spots, his tail cut square, branded on the near thigh III; appraised to \$1.

Elijah Foley.

June 22.

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Wm. Ramsey.

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